Aleida Guevara will tour Australia in May 2005. The 44-year-old daughter of Ernesto Che Guevara will speak at public meetings and launch several new books. A pediatrician in a Havana children’s hospital, Aleida Guevara has emerged as a prominent figure in the anti-globalization and anti-war movements. She was the principal speaker at the 25,000-strong European Social Forum in October 2004 and was one of the principal speakers at the 2003 and 2005 World Social Forums in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

A previous visit to Australia in June 2003 saw sell-out meetings in Melbourne and Sydney and wide media coverage. They were the largest meetings in solidarity with Cuba ever held in Australia.

Aleida Guevara will speak in Melbourne and Sydney at public meetings on the topic: “Che and the winds of change in Latin America.” The Melbourne public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26 (7pm Storey Hall, RMIT, Swanston Street, Melbourne) and in Sydney on Saturday, May 28 (7pm Sydney Town Hall).

In addition to the public meetings, she will also be featured at several bookshops in Melbourne and Sydney where she will launch her new book “Chavez: Venezuela and the New Latin America,” just published by Ocean Press in Spanish and English-language editions. The new book is based on several extensive conversations between Aleida and Hugo Chavez, the president of Venezuela. It is the first of a series of books by Aleida with Ocean Press that will reflect the tumultuous changes engulfing Latin America.

She will at the same time launch several new titles by her father, published by Ocean Press in association with the Che Guevara Studies Center of Havana, Cuba. Aleida works closely with the Havana-based research institute which is headed by her mother, Aleida March. Among the books by Che Guevara that she will launch during this visit are “The Motorcycle Diaries” (the book of the movie) and “Self Portrait,” both published by Ocean Press in English and Spanish-language editions.

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